

Farm Bureau Notes

PICNIC PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

Sept. 1 to be a Big Day in St. Francois County.

With a large number of Farm Bureau folks spending thoughts and efforts toward making the St. Francois County Farm Bureau Picnic a success, indications are that September 1st will see thousands of people at Rion's grove, two miles north of Farmington. Every one is invited to attend the picnic and spend a day in visiting among friends. Something will be going on all the time.

The first thing to start off the day will be the parade of floats showing Farm Bureau achievements. In this parade will be floats on the following projects: corn club, calf clubs, livestock shipping association, soil terracing, purchasing and sales association, liming, jersey bull association, Shorthorn, Angus, Hereford, Jersey and Holstein breeders' associations; soy beans, horticulture, Farm Loan Association, better bulls, insect control, red clover, the Producers' Livestock Commission Association, millinery, garment making, dress forms, home conveniences, renovation, child feeding, food preservation, nutrition, and home care of the sick. Farm Bureau workers from different communities are arranging these floats. The parade will form on East Liberty street near the Farm Bureau warehouse, extending west. Every float should be in line at 9:30. The parade will move off at 10 o'clock. After forming, the parade will turn south on Main street, then west on Columbia street, continuing to the M. E. Church, South, thence north to Liberty, thence east to the northeast corner of the square and thence due north on the old St. Louis road to Rion's grove. This parade will depict some of the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau by persistent efforts and should be viewed, especially, by every farmer.

"Progressive Barnyard Golf" will continue through the day, by communities, until late afternoon, when the county champions will be decided. Each community will have an opportunity to discover its best players and to match these against winners in other communities. Immediately after dinner Mr. Montgomery, president of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, will address the crowd and after Mr. Montgomery's address, the stunts for men, women and children will be staged. The following is the list of events and prizes for the winners:

Boys' race—50-yard dash, for boys 8 years and under. First prize, boy's cap, given by Morris Bros.; second, 75c; third, toy automobile, given by Famous; and fourth, 1-2 dozen pencils, given by Mrs. Krieger.

100-yard dash, free for all. First prize, \$1.00; second, work shirt, given by Boyd's Store; and third, 50c.

Sack race—First prize, inner tube (30 x 3), given by St. Francois Motor Co.; second, auto pump, given by Donze Motor Co., and third, box of patches, given by the Farmington Tire Co.

Three-legged race—First prize, 1 dozen cans baking powder, given by Klein Grocer Co.; second, 1 dozen bars soap, given by McAttee Produce Co., and third, 50c.

Cracker-eating contest—First prize, 1 dozen postal photographs, given by Davis Music Store; second, 75c; third, 50c.

Water melon-eating contest—First prize, safety razor, given by Farmington Hdw. Co.; second, necktie, given by Henderson Store Co.; third, \$1.

Oldest married couple on the grounds, half dozen photographs, valued at \$5, given by the Gem Studio.

Foot race, 50-yard, for girls under 12 years. First prize 75c; second, 50c.

Rope skipping, 50 yards, for girls under 12 years—First prize, 75c; second, 50c.

Foot race, 100 yards, for girls 12 to 16 years—First prize, 75c; second 50c.

Dash and turn race for girls 12 to 16 years—First prize, 75c; second, 50c.

Nail-driving contest for women—First prize, wash tub, given by Rickus Cash Grocery.

Ball-throwing contest for women—First prize, 1 pair silk hose, given by Farmington Mercantile Co.

Potato race—First prize, 3 pounds of coffee, given by McKinney's.

Egg race—Aluminum pan given by Mell Hdw. Store.

Ball rolling contest—Aluminum percolator, given by Jacob Helber Hdw. Store.

50-yard dash for women—28-piece aluminum set given by Fischer Mercantile Co.

Calling husbands to dinner contest—Aluminum skillet, given by Boswell & Helber.

A base ball game will be played between the I. C. U. boys and the boys of the north end of the county, around Bonne Terre and French Village. This game will start at 3 o'clock.

A purebred Poland China gilt will be sold to the highest bidder. This gilt is being given by Dr. C. A. Tetley, of Farmington, to help bear the expense of the picnic. The Farm Bureau appreciates this action of Dr. Tetley and that of the merchants offering prizes to the winners in the contests. The Farm Bureau wishes also to thank the merchants and banks who have agreed to close their places of business from 12 to 5 p. m. the day of the picnic. They are as follows: Klein Grocer Co., J. M. Karsch Shoe Co., P. G. Smith, T. F. Lockridge, Henderson Store Co., Robt. Tetley Jewelry Co., The Famous, C. F. Rickus, Morris Bros., H. C. Mell, A. J. Hawn, Fischer Merc. Co., Jacob Helber, Farmington Hdw. Co., Peltz's Book Store, St. Francois County Bank, Bank of Farmington, Farmers Bank, Farmington Merc. Co.

Democratic County Committee Meeting

By call of the County Chairman, Dr. C. A. Tetley, there will be a meeting of the Democratic County Committee tomorrow (Saturday) in this city, for the purpose of mapping out a course of procedure in the coming campaign. The Democratic nominees will meet with the committee on that occasion, in order that all may be given a chance to be heard as to what they consider the best course of procedure.

The proper organization of the women voters will be one of the important matters to be taken up and discussed. A full attendance of the committee is earnestly desired.

Checks Rebound On the Drawer

A short time ago Jimmie Davis, formerly of this city, but more recently working in St. Louis, cashed a personal check with the Bank of Farmington. The check was drawn on a St. Louis bank and was afterwards returned marked "no funds." Recently Jimmie's whereabouts in St. Louis was discovered, and a warrant for his arrest was sworn out.

He was brought back Sunday and is still in the county jail, in default of \$5,000 bond. Jimmie now seems to be anxious to make good the bad checks he has recently drawn, and it appears not altogether unlikely that the charges against him may be withdrawn on his promise to "go and sin no more."

Minors to State Charities Board

Deputy Sheriff Jack Simms on Monday took three small boys, all under 12 years of age, to the State Board of Charities at Jefferson City. The three are brothers, their names being Jesse, Lloyd and Joe Johnson, of Elvins. The father of these little ones died some time ago, and they were afterwards deserted by their mother.

On account of the crowded condition of the Orphanage, they could not be taken in there, and for several days were in charge of Superintendent Smith at the County Infirmary, until arrangements had been made for getting them into the State Charities institution.

Like Lambs to the Slaughter

Both the first and second ball teams of this city were the goats in poorly played games Sunday. Just what troubled the home boys seems to be a deep, dark mystery, of which we have heard no explanation so much as attempted. It really seems inexplicable that such a slump—a complete giving down—should occur to Farmington's first team as the end is nearing of a very successful season. As it was a very warm day, in the absence of any better alibi, let us lay it on the weather.

The first team played at Bonne Terre, with a weakened line-up, and entirely lacking in their usual spirit and punch. A mountain of 24 scores were piled up against them, while in some manner, we have not heard stated, they managed to roll in a single tally. The second team's showing at Joe Run was equally thrilling. The home team gathered up thirteen runs, while the local boys were making two circuits.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 17—	Isaac Adams, Flat River,	21
	Viola McGee, Melzo,	18
August 18th—	Davis J. Davis, Bismarck,	29
	Minerva M. Rainwater, Bellview,	20
August 19th—	Delbert Fields, Elvins,	23
	Mao Montgomery, Elvins,	21
	Edgar J. Mathews, Farmington,	21
	Grace May Hubbard, Flat River,	19
	Otto Weiss, Farmington, Route 7,	18
	Ethel Hanson, Farmington, Route 7,	17
	Chas. L. Shaner, Bonne Terre,	21
	Lorrain McDaniel, Bonne Terre,	18
	Herman Valle, Farmington,	26
	Marie Elise Thomsen, Farmington,	26
	Henry Tinsley, Fredericktown,	21
	Roma Berry, Fredericktown,	21
August 21st—	H. E. Blount, Potosi,	52
	Nellie Belkin, Fredericktown,	44
	F. Summers, East St. Louis,	48
	Anna Steinberg, East St. Louis,	35
	Roy Snead, Flat River,	21
	Gordia Burnia, Flat River,	15

Have You Seen the Farm Bureau Signs?—Secure a Membership.

More than a thousand hand-made posters have been tacked up over St. Francois county and a portion of Ste. Genevieve county. These posters tell some of the things the Farm Bureau has done and is doing and what it stands for. The exact number of ideas on these posters is a secret not to be divulged until the day of the picnic. There are enough of them to require one to travel over a large part of the county to make a complete list. The St. Francois County Farm Bureau is offering a year's membership in the Farm Bureau to the person who, on the day of the picnic, hands in the most complete list of these achievements.

Over the Skyline of the Ozarks

Early Friday morning, August 4th, The Times editor, wife and daughter, accompanied by Harry Williams as chauffeur, departed from Farmington in their Essex for a seventeen days tour. The skyline of the Ozarks was the course principally followed. This trail was struck at Eureka, in St. Louis county, and followed the State line at Joplin, with a brief stop at Rolla, where several old friendships were renewed, and a longer stop at the old home in Lebanon, which was thoroughly enjoyed for a day and two nights. As the years advance, those old ties seem to be so much nearer and stronger than they were in their formative period, and again was the conclusion forced home to us that in the old home, where wife and I spent our early years, there still remains more true and sincere friends than we can ever hope to acquire elsewhere.

Out of Lebanon to Springfield, we found that the best route diverged by way of Buffalo, Dallas county, caused by the high class of road work which is kept up in that county, which causes most tourists to travel the extra few miles necessary in order to enjoy those better roads. This divergence from the shorter but rougher route enables Buffalo to enjoy the patronage of the great bulk of auto travel, which is considerable, as well as the best possible method of personal advertising. The boundary line between Laclede and Dallas counties and Dallas and Greene counties quite distinctly marked by general road conditions. While we are not attempting to map out a route for autoists, we cannot refrain here from mentioning the fact that one of the best served and most satisfactory meals we had on our entire trip was secured at the little town of Republic, a short distance west of Springfield. Both in appointment and service Chaffin Bros. Cafe serves the best 50c meal we have enjoyed in many years.

Reaching Joplin rather early that evening, it was our desire to spend the night there, having a number of friends whom we would have been pleased to have met. The writer stopped into the Conner hotel to register, and on inquiry was informed that room rates were \$1.50 and up. Asking the price of two rooms with baths, for four people, we were informed that the price would be \$12.00. Being unable to adjust such a rate to the statement of rates already made we suggested such fact to the "butcher" behind the counter. He promptly informed us that all the \$1.50 rooms were taken. He apparently failed to observe, however, that there is a considerable range between a \$1.50 room and a \$6.00. We speak of this all too apparent attempt to "hold up" tourists, especially in the larger hotels. They appear to consider all tourists their legitimate prey, to be "knocked down and shook out" to the last degree.

After our episode with the "highwayman" in the Conner hotel, we returned to our car and announced "on to Miami." A fine, broad macadam road runs practically the entire distance, over which we made fast passenger train time, and soon stopped before the door of Miami's leading hotel, where we secured the same accommodations desired at the Conner hotel in Joplin for less than half the price asked there. We discovered during the evening spent there that the mining and oil promoter is still in evidence in that locality, though business does not appear to be at all brisk with them. We had hardly become comfortably seated in front of the hotel before a good Christian gentleman and friend took a seat beside us and began to tell of the splendid properties he possessed, the one thing lacking being some cash for development. We assured him we had all the money we desired, and had no desire for further investments. Again we laid it on our auto tags for this attempted "shake-down."

The next morning we were on our way at a reasonably early hour, driving to Vinita for breakfast. Out of there we got on the wrong road and detoured several miles to get to Salina, Okla., our next stopping place, where several days were most enjoyable spent with relatives, and where we left our daughter for a prolonged visit with her grand-parents. While here we made several enjoyable side trips, notably one to the Spavinaw, a celebrated resort that draws people from hundreds of miles for pleasure and recreation. Here arrangements are now under way for the construction of an immense reservoir for the supplying of Tulsa, nearly a hundred miles distant, with that splendid water. For this great work \$8,000,000 worth of bonds have already been voted by Tulsa, which affords some idea of the value of pure water in many parts of the State. The next brief stop was made at Wagoner for an enjoyable visit with relatives, and where we were pleased to meet a few old friends.

From Wagoner our trail led us through Muskogee and on to Ft. Smith, Ark., much of which road was the roughest we had yet encountered. Not far out of Muskogee we suffered our first mishap, a blowout of a front tire. This trouble was soon liquidated, and we continued on our enjoyable way with the excellent driving ability of our chauffeur, who by this time had instilled us with absolute confidence in his ability to overcome road difficulties with the minimum amount of discomfort. This entire distance was covered in good time, and it was mid-afternoon of the second Sunday out when we unloaded at the inviting entrance of the Main hotel where we rested until Monday morning, when we headed for Little Rock.

Here we would state that, according to our arranged schedule, the next important point we had intended

to visit was Hot Springs. An alleged road map had fallen into our hands, which we used in planning our trip. That stricture on human intelligence located Hot Springs just slightly south of a direct line from Ft. Smith to Little Rock, with a broad highway connecting the three cities. But actual experience taught us that the only way to reach Hot Springs out of Ft. Smith is by Little Rock. This error in scheduling the trip made it necessary, in order to visit Hot Springs, to make the round trip of sixty miles one way in a single day, leaving only a few hours in that celebrated resort. We therefore concluded to forego that trip and used the day thus gained in a run over to Memphis. Business in Arkansas' capital appeared to be somewhat draggy, largely owing, so we were informed, to strike conditions, and there appeared to be a feeling of general unrest there, which is doubtless the reason for the over-capitalization in the Ku Klux Klan organization, whose membership in that city is over 5,000, so we are told.

From Little Rock to Memphis we would have had a very good road, had it not been for a hard rain just preceding us and which proved disastrous to all on dirt roads. Dark overtook us a few miles south of Brinkley, in a heavy bottom, through which had but recently been completed a dyked road, with an elevation of fifteen to twenty feet, constructed of mixed soil, which develops considerable slickness when sufficient moisture is added. The drive through about four miles of that bottom will perhaps never fade from memory. As the car careened from one side of the road to the other, which had already been frightfully cut up by passing cars, it required no vivid imagination to imagine what a false move might result in from the hand at the wheel of the car. While we could not now swear that we heard the voices of lost souls filtering up from the quagmire on either side, we sometimes thought we did while on that fearsome journey.

On reaching Brinkley, we found that beautiful little city apparently nestled in a lake. While we do not know that Brinkley indicates anything, the thought occurred to us that it might be an abbreviation for "the brink of hell" through which we had just passed.

Memphis, which we reached over a board road, or trustee and bridge something over four miles in length, has the appearance of being quite a busy and prosperous city, though most of the few hours we spent there were on the boulevards, in the parks and zoo, which is most creditable for a city the size of Memphis. While much of the city has a heavy dark border, the negroes appear to be segregated, and there are some splendid residential districts. Out of Memphis we pursued a northerly course along the west side of the Mississippi to Charleston to attend the Southeast Missouri Press Association, which was in session there last Friday and Saturday. On the whole the Arkansas roads were a disappointment to us, in view of previous information that that state had almost gone broke in the building of splendid highways, of which we found very few.

On arriving at Charleston we put up at the Russell hotel, an unusually fine structure, which was erected a few years ago by Congressman Joe Russell, at a cost of over \$100,000. This admirable structure suffered from frequent changes in management during the first few years it was open to the public, each of whom conducted it at great loss, until the present owner and manager, J. R. Marable, bought the property for less than fifty cents on the dollar and has made of it a splendid success, a money maker for himself as well as a real asset for the excellent city of Charleston. An account of the press meeting appears in another column of this issue. Sunday morning we took up the last lap of our 1,500 mile trip, arriving at Cape Girardeau about 10:30 a. m., and immediately drove to the splendid church of which Rev. E. H. Orear is the popular pastor. There Rev. and Mrs. Orear, Mrs. Merrill Pipkin and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Dunn and two charming little daughters, of Nebraska, who is visiting her, and Mrs. Hardesty, sister of Mrs. W. H. Harlan of this city, who is visiting there, crowded about our car and gave us a royal welcome. The meeting with these dear friends made it seem that we were at home again, and our hearts went out in gratitude for the great blessings they all appeared to be enjoying—that of good health and happiness.

From there it was but a few hours drive home, where we arrived in the late afternoon, somewhat fatigued, but feeling well satisfied with our outing, which has evidently brought renewed health and vigor to the entire family. We had neglected to state that the crop prospects along our entire route are generally most promising. Only in a few localities was the corn seriously damaged from drouth. A large part of the trip was made while the hot rays of the sun was obscured by cloud embankments, and through most of the territory visited rain had either preceded or closely followed us, adding greatly to the general comfort. And this record was unbroken even after our return, as a splendid and copious rain began falling here Monday afternoon, breaking a drouth that was becoming critical for crop production.

The annual meeting of the Southeast Missouri Press met in Charleston last Friday and Saturday. Owing to various reasons, principally poor and uncertain train service, the attendance was not nearly so large as it should have been. But notwithstanding the small attendance, the meeting was most interesting and enjoyable, and resulted in much good to all in attendance.

The meeting was convened in the Y. M. C. A. building, but owing to the excessive heat, adjournment was soon taken to a cool, shady lawn. President Dwight Brown, of the Poplar Bluff American, presided in his usual capable and happy manner, and succeeded in upholding the interest and high morale of the gatherings, which were full of enthusiasm and interest for all.

Many interesting talks were made and papers read, which were usually followed by spirited discussions. Owing to delayed trains, the initial meeting, scheduled for Friday morning, did not meet until afternoon.

Before the adjournment of the afternoon meeting the following committees were appointed by the President:

Nominations—Fred Naeter, Chas. Blanton, S. P. Loebe, O. W. Chilton and Alden Pinney.

Resolutions—John Wolpers, A. W. Bradshaw and E. H. Smith.

Membership—Dave Bright, Ed. Wright, Clint Denman, Geo. Naeter and Ernest Howie.

The sessions were all crowded with business, and yet practically everyone had a chance to be heard. Saturday morning the report of committees were called for, which were as follows: Nominations—President, Harry Denman, of Farmington News; Vice President, A. O. Allen, of New Madrid Record; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Blanton, of Sikeston Standard; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Bradshaw, of Farmington Times.

The following resolutions were reported and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the Southeast Missouri Press Association has as its purpose the promotion of the best interests of the publishers and printers and whereas we regard the Missouri Press Association as being a most efficient and helpful agency in the promotion of the interests of the printers and publishers of the state, be it resolved that we recommend to Southeast Missouri publishers and printers membership in the Missouri Press Association."

"We congratulate the Missouri Press Association upon the employment of an executive secretary."

"We in this wise express our appreciation of his visit to the convention of this organization."

"We memorialize the Missouri Press Association to re-establish its purchasing department as a most helpful and financially beneficial service."

"Whereas transportation is most important in the development of communities, states and nations and whereas we recognize in the Cairo-Poplar Bluff road one of the greatest possible values to the district in its future growth and development, and whereas it is already a road serving a heavy traffic, be it resolved that this association bring to the attention of the State Highway Commission the importance of and register its staunch advocacy of the making of this federal primary an eighteen foot concrete road from Bird's Point to Poplar Bluff."

"Whereas, the proposed 'Y' bridge connecting Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky having a leg in each state has been proposed by the business men of Cairo, resolved that the Southeast Missouri Press Association unanimously endorse such project and pledge our influence to secure its construction to the end that this Southeast Missouri Gateway be secured as speedily as possible and thus facilitate our freight carrying and passenger service and open up a highway connecting the East, West, North and South by this heretofore missing link."

"Be it further resolved that we congratulate the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau upon the splendid work it is doing in exploiting South-east Missouri before the nation through exhibits and publicity, many thousands of dollars of which is accorded to the district because of the nature of the organization promoting the development of the region, and we pledge anew the unstinted support of the press of the region to the purpose of the organization."

"Be it further resolved that the Association commend and point with pride to the service rendered and being rendered by the county farm bureau of the district. We believe too high an estimate of value cannot be placed and we memorialize the courts in the various counties to continue and extend this work by making suitable appropriations for it."

"Be it further resolved that we heartily approve of the business policy of the Missouri Pacific Railway, which dictated to that corporation the resumption of newspaper advertising, and as a convention invite and urge the Frisco, Cotton Belt and other railroads operating in Southeast Missouri that they follow the example of the Missouri Pacific in pursuing a policy of aggressive advertising, helping by example to bring about business normality in their respective empires rather than waiting for the accomplishment of that desired end."

"Be it further resolved that this convention go on record as deeply appreciative of the hospitality of the Business Men's League of Charleston, the city as a whole, the Association of Commerce of Cairo, the publishers of the newspapers of Charleston and all of those who contributed to making the 1922 convention one of the most pleasant and profitable in the history of the association."

S. E. Missouri Press Has Good Meeting

J. S. Hubbard, Field Secretary of the Missouri Press Association, who was present by invitation, brought an important and deeply interesting message.

Mr. Lair, the largest and best known merchant in all that territory and a former newspaper man, was unable to withstand the lure of the meeting, and was called on for a few remarks. He stated his belief that his business had been very largely built up by the use of newspaper ink, of which he had always been a constant user; that now, even though his business is large, he was afraid to stop advertising.

The meeting was also favored with the presence of Thad Snow, president of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, as well as "daddy" of the good roads movement in Mississippi county, who edited the gathering with a brief but interesting account of the efforts that had been put forth to secure the hard surface roads with which that country is now blessed.

After a visit to the Lair store, the editorial party were guests of the Charleston Commercial Club at a barbecue dinner, after which they were taken for an automobile ride to Bird's Point, where they were met by a delegation from the Cairo Chamber of Commerce and taken for a boat ride to Wickliffe, Ky., and Cairo, and shown every possible hospitality.

Several places extended invitations for next year's meeting, but as Farmington was the only place from the north end of the district soliciting the meeting, the other aspirants were withdrawn and this city was unanimously selected. As Farmington was accorded the lion's share of the honors for the coming year, The Times is now on record—and we feel that we can also speak for the News in this matter—for doing everything in our power to make next year's meeting of the Southeast Missouri Press Association the biggest and best in its history.

Plan to Change Electric Schedule

There is now cause for grave fear that the schedule of the electric railway may be changed about Sept. 1st. If the plans that have been worked out by the managers of that road are carried out, only the morning and evening trains between the city and Flat River will be continued. The first of the week Mayor Tetley received a communication from the management of that road, stating that application had been made to the Public Service Commission asking that they be permitted to abandon their present mid-day schedule, in the interest of re-increment and reform.

In the same communication was sent a compilation of figures, extending over the past five years, showing that the cost of operating that road had been steadily running further and further behind with each succeeding year. A meeting of business men was at once had to consider the matter and to see what, if anything, could be done in the matter of relieving the apparently strained condition of the electric railway.

While there was no attempt to controvert the figures submitted by the management of the road, it did appear to be the general impression of those present that there had not been the slightest effort on the part of such management to secure a satisfactory amount of business for that road. In fact it was the opinion of many that the conduct pursued by that management had been rather to antagonize than to secure business. It was also the opinion of those present that the road had pursued this same policy in regard to passenger business, which afforded an opening for the establishment of bus lines, which, with a reduced fare, are now carrying the great bulk of passengers.

It was the decision of the session of business men that Mayor Tetley should appear before the Public Service Commission today, to present to that body the city's side of this matter, and to see if the management of the electric road cannot be restrained from their proposed action. They also declared their appreciation for and interest in the road, and offered to use every means at hand to increase the business of that road, if there was even the slightest exhibition of co-operation on the part of the management of that road, without which there would be but small chance of success in any line of business, with each end pulling against the other.

It was also the sense of the meeting that the passenger rate to Flat River be reduced from 40c to 25c to meet the present rate of the bus lines. If this was done, they felt that the passenger business of the electric line could be very materially built up. Mayor Tetley left yesterday afternoon for Jefferson City, where he will today appear before the Public Service Commission to present the findings and desires of this community in this matter.

REAL ESTATE

J. S. Clay reports the sale of a four room house and three acres of land located near the electric road power house, to Misses Susie and Mildred Watts, for \$1500.

Also the exchange of the farm belonging to Wm. D. Smith, containing 102 acres, located about half way between Farmington and Flat River, for Leadwood business property, belonging to B. H. Bass of St. Louis. Each piece of property is valued at \$6000.